

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Thursday, 06 June 2013
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

(draft) MINUTES

1. The meeting (rescheduled from Tuesday, 04 June) was called to order at 5:05p by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Anke Finger. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the 07 May meeting were approved as written.

3. StoDoArts has been formed by interested community members to organize a summer film series at von der Mehden on Friday evenings and live music presentations outside somewhere in Storrs Center on Sunday afternoons. See stodoarts.com for a schedule.

4. Art Donation Policy. Jay has not yet been able to get an explanation of the re-worded insurance provision (9).

5. Vacancies. There are two vacancies on the Committee. Kim hopes to interest a friend in filling one of them. Other committee members were encouraged to think of people who might be good members and willing to serve.

6. Arts Webpage. The IT people are willing to put more links to what's going on in the local arts scene on the arts webpage, but we need to supply the links. Also, the page remains hard to find; getting there from the Town homepage is not straightforward.

7. Healy Events Facility. After some discussion, the Committee decided that Town policy requiring that communications with outside entities be first cleared with the Town Manager does not apply to communications with other Town entities and unanimously approved (motion: Scott, David) the following statement to the PZC in support of Michael Healey's barn conversion:

"The Arts Advisory Committee applauds Michael Healey's efforts to preserve an old barn on his property in Mansfield Center by renovating it as an events facility, which could be used for arts fairs and arts classes, as well as for weddings, banquets, and the like.

"The Committee is aware that concerns have been voiced in the neighborhood about parking and noise. We urge the Commission to work with Mr. Healey to address these concerns, rather than taking them as grounds for rejecting his proposal.

"The Committee's charge states in part that it 'shall promote and encourage interest and participation in the arts and may work to complement activities and events sponsored by private organizations having the same purpose and goal.' We believe that the facility Mr. Healey proposes would be an appropriate venue to serve as a catalyst for the arts in our area."

Scott will send the statement to the PZC, asking that it be considered when Mr. Healey's proposal comes before the Commission.

5. Art exhibit calendar. David Corsini will show his work in the display cases in the winter of 2014. We have as yet nothing for the sitting room and hallways in the fall (01 Sep to 14 Jan). Kim thought she might be able to show some of her photos if nobody else applies. Jay will let us

know if an application comes in during the summer.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
06/01 – 08/15	06/03—06/14: <i>E.O.Smith art</i>			<i>Lisa Yang</i> (photos)		
	<i>Neal Alderman</i> (wire sculpture)	<i>Ronald Angotta</i> (wooden bowls, etc.)				
09/01 – 10/14	<i>Festival on the Green</i> <i>advertising & art show</i>					
10/15 – 01/14						
01/15 – 04/14	<i>David Corsini</i> (assemblages)					

6. Adjourned at 5:52p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 3 September 2013.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 15 June 2013.